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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

April 3, 2017

The Honorable Dan Patrick
Lieutenant Governor of Texas
Capitol Station
PO Box 12068
Austin, Texas 78711

Re: Responsibility of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Pursuant to Article XVI, Section 59(d), Texas Constitution.

Senate Bill (SB) 1479, as Filed by Senator Bryan Hughes-relating to the election of the board of directors of the Panola County Groundwater Conservation District.

Dear Governor Patrick:

The following comments are provided pursuant to the Constitutional requirements referenced above. Under those requirements, the TCEQ must submit, to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House of Representatives, the TCEQ's recommendations on specific legislation affecting water districts. We recommend that these comments be considered in the evaluation of the proposed legislation.

The bill amends Special District Local Laws Code §8819, Panola County Groundwater Conservation District (District), by changing the election date for the appropriate number of District board directors from May to the uniform election date in November of each even-numbered year. The bill also provides that the District's directors, at the time of passage of the bill, shall remain in office and those directors whose terms are to expire in May 2018, and May 2020, shall remain in office until their successors have qualified in the November 2018, or November 2020 elections, respectively. The successor provision will expire September 1, 2022.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kim Wilson".

Kim Wilson, Director
Water Availability Division

cc: The Honorable Charles Perry, Chairman, Senate Committee of Agriculture, Water, and Rural Affairs
Senator Bryan Hughes, Texas Senate

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL
TEXAS SENATE
STATE OF TEXAS

SB 1479

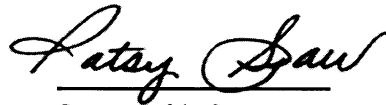
Bill Number

TO: The Honorable Governor of Texas
SUBJECT: A Bill Relating to a Conservation and Reclamation District

This is to transmit to you and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality copies of a bill relating to a conservation and reclamation district and copies of the notice of intention to introduce the bill. One copy is for your files and one for you to forward to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, under Section 59(d), Article XVI, Constitution of the State of Texas.

3/8/2017

Date transmitted to
Governor's Office


Secretary of the Senate

TO: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
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March 13, 2017

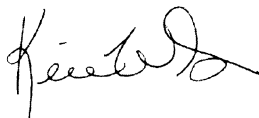
Date transmitted to
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Governor

TO: The Honorable President of the Senate
The Honorable Speaker of the House of Representatives
The Honorable Governor of Texas
SUBJECT: A Bill Relating to a Conservation and Reclamation District

Attached are recommendations of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality in compliance with Section 59(d), Article XVI, Constitution of the State of Texas.



Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

By: Hughes

S.B. No. 1479

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the election of the board of directors of the Panola
3 County Groundwater Conservation District.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 8819.053, Special District Local Laws
6 Code, is amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 8819.053. ELECTION DATE. The district shall hold an
8 election to elect the appropriate number of directors on the
9 uniform election date prescribed by Section 41.001, Election Code,
10 in November [~~May~~] of each even-numbered year.

11 SECTION 2. (a) A director of the board of the Panola County
12 Groundwater Conservation District who is serving on the day before
13 the effective date of this Act shall serve until the director's term
14 expires. A director whose term expires in May 2018 shall serve
15 until the director's successor has qualified following the
16 directors' election held on the uniform election date in November
17 2018 in accordance with Section 8819.053, Special District Local
18 Laws Code, as amended by this Act. A director whose term expires in
19 May 2020 shall serve until the director's successor has qualified
20 following the directors' election held on the uniform election date
21 in November 2020.

22 (b) This section expires September 1, 2022.

23 SECTION 3. (a) The legal notice of the intention to
24 introduce this Act, setting forth the general substance of this

S.B. No. 1479

1 Act, has been published as provided by law, and the notice and a
2 copy of this Act have been furnished to all persons, agencies,
3 officials, or entities to which they are required to be furnished
4 under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and Chapter 313,
5 Government Code.

6 (b) The governor, one of the required recipients, has
7 submitted the notice and Act to the Texas Commission on
8 Environmental Quality.

9 (c) The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has filed
10 its recommendations relating to this Act with the governor, the
11 lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of
12 representatives within the required time.

13 (d) All requirements of the constitution and laws of this
14 state and the rules and procedures of the legislature with respect
15 to the notice, introduction, and passage of this Act are fulfilled
16 and accomplished.

17 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

The Panola Watchman

The Panola Watchman
109 W Panola
Carthage, TX 75633

Phone: (903) 693-7888 Fax: Email: twall@panolawatchman.com

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FEB 22 2017

Lloyd Gosselink

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INTRODUCE A BILL

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned intends to apply to the Legislature of the State of Texas, Regular Session to be held in 2017, for the passage of a Bill relating to the election date of the board of directors of the Panola County Groundwater Conservation District (the "District") by amending the District's enabling act and making findings as to compliance with Article XVI, Section 59 of the Texas Constitution.

THIS NOTICE is given in accordance with the requirements of Section 59 of Article XVI of the Texas Constitution, and said legislation will find that said requirements have been met.

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

State of Texas)

County of Panola)

This Affidavit of Publication for the Panola Watchman, a daily newspaper of general circulation, printed and published at Carthage, hereby certifies that the attached legal notice, ad # 546915, was published in said newspaper on Jan. 29th 2017, and that copies of each paper in which said Public Notice was published were delivered by carriers to the subscribers of said paper, according to their accustomed mode of business in this office.

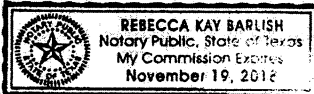
Tammy Wall
for the Panola Watchman

The above Affidavit and Certificate of Publication was subscribed and sworn to before me by the above-named Tammy Wall, who is personally known to me to be the identical person in the above certificate on this 15th day of Feb, 2017.

Rebecca Kay Barlish
Notary Public in and for
State of Texas)

County of Panola)

My commission expires



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ADOPTION:


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